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Applicants: Christopher C. Toly Attorney Docket No. SIMU0008
Serial No.: 10/672,274 Group Art Unit: 3739
Filed: September 24, 2003 Examiner:
Title: LAPAROSCOPIC AND ENDOSCOPIC TRAINER INCLUDING A DIGITAL CAMERA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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Applicant is aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

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- ☐ 2. Copies of the listed patents, publications, and other information were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
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- ☒ 5. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the national application, within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- ☐ 6. Submission with RCE: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, this information disclosure statement is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

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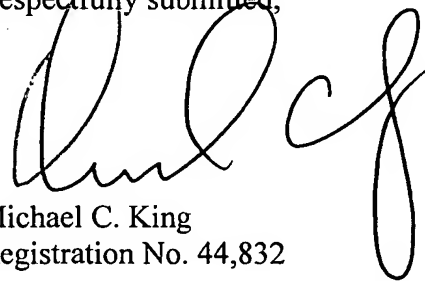
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